Cimetidine

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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ATC codes: A02BA01

Indication	Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease ICD11 code: DA22.Z
INN	Cimetidine
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Formulations	**Oral > Solid:** 200 mg **Parenteral > General injections > unspecified:** 200 mg in 2 mL ampoule
EML status history	First added in 1982 (TRS 685) Changed in 1984 (TRS 722) Removed in 2003 (TRS 920)
Sex	All
Age	Adolescents and adults
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Cimetidine
DrugBank	Cimetidine

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following a review of square box listings on the Model List, the Expert Committee recommended that ranitidine replace cimetidine as the representative histamine-2 receptor antagonist since it has a simpler dosing regimen and less potential for pharmacokinetic interactions and is available as a generic.

